

## My Trip to The White House

By Calvin M., 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

On October 15, I went to the White House with my family. We had to wait in line for 30 minutes. While we were standing in line, we saw a big black and white dog pass us. We realized that it was President Obama's dog, Bo. When we finally got inside, the first room we saw was the library. There was a sign that said there were over 7200 books. The second room we saw was the Green room. They use that room for serving guests drinks. Everything in it was green. We walked through the blue room. The walls were covered with blue wallpaper. After the blue room came the red room. That room is used for parties. Finally we saw the dining room. It is used for state dinners. There was a huge long table with about thirty chairs. There were secret service guys in each room who answered our questions. Every room had portraits of past presidents and first ladies. I will never forget the White House. It was awesome!



(Photo courtesy of the McCarthy family)

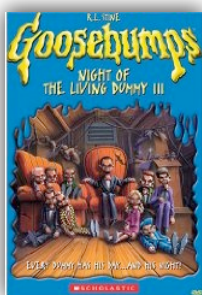
## Student Readers

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O.k., so kids 3rd grade to 4th grade are really good readers. They should read about one hour a day. 1st to 2nd grade should read about 10 minutes to 1 hour a day. If you are running into a lot of words too hard for you, you should try something else.

Here are some recommendations for 1st to 2nd grade readers:

Dragon Slayers Academy  
Fox Fables  
Artemis  
Walking Stones  
Goosebumps



Here are some for 3rd to 5th:

Walking Stones  
Charlie Brown  
Fox Trot  
Calvin and Hobbes  
Eragon  
Edge Chronicles  
Narnia  
Over Sea Under Stone  
Goosebumps  
Fable Haven



I hope all you parents will look at this list and think about it. Have an excellent weekend.

